

## **School Calendar Recommendations 2020-2021 School Year**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose of Report:** To propose the 2020-21 Sioux Falls School District calendar for adoption as recommended by the District Calendar Committee.

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The District Calendar Committee, comprised of parents, school board members, and staff from each employee group has developed the 2020-21 Calendar with all input given consideration.

Over 8,600 individual responses were received from two separate surveys. The majority were in favor of a short first week of school, a four-day Labor Day break, as well as starting the school year before Labor Day and ending school prior to Memorial Day.

From the survey results, community feedback, and additional information, the Calendar Committee agreed to make a tentative start date guideline of starting school with a two-day week, followed by a four-day week, and then a four-day Labor Day weekend. The Calendar Committee also agreed to tentatively work to conclude the school year prior to Memorial Day.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:** Approve the 2020-21 school year calendar based on the Calendar Committee's work and recommendation as detailed in the attachment.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR RECOMMENDATIONS 2020-2021 School Year**

**Purpose of Report:** To propose the 2020-2021 Sioux Falls School District calendar for adoption as recommended by the District Calendar Committee.

### **Priority Area 4:** Community Engagement

**Priority Statement 9:** Sioux Falls School District will effectively engage with staff, families, partners, and community, to foster shared responsibility for student success.

**Strategic Initiative 4.8-1:** Gather feedback from all stakeholders.

**Explanation:** The following document contains the District Calendar Committee's recommended calendar for the 2020-2021 school year that is proposed for consideration of adoption by the Board.

### **2020-2021 School Year Calendar Committee Recommendation**

Following an extensive community feedback process that received in excess of 11,000 community responses to establish the 2018-2019 school year calendar, the Calendar Committee utilized corresponding start dates for the 2019-2020 school year. For the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar creation, the Calendar Committee again sought out feedback from our community members, parents, teachers, and students, to guide our recommendations. The following data was collected from two separate surveys:

- Over 8,600 individual responses
- The majority were in favor of a short first week of school (76.5%)
- The majority were in favor of a four-day Labor Day break (66.3%)
- The majority wanted to start the school year prior to Labor Day (62.6%)
- The majority wanted to end the school year prior to Memorial Day (62.4%)

The committee also reviewed additional information and documentation to support our recommendation. This information included, but was not limited to, the start and end dates of local school districts that we share services with.

From the survey results, community feedback, and additional information, the Calendar Committee agreed to make a tentative start date guideline of starting school with a two (2) day week (Thursday and Friday), followed by a four (4) day week (Monday – Thursday), and then the four (4) day Labor Day weekend. The Calendar Committee also agreed to tentatively work to conclude the school year prior to Memorial Day weekend.

The committee then focused its attention on the calendar dates and activities within the start and end dates to better address student, staff, parent, and community interests.

The key considerations were:

- Native American Day and Martin Luther King Day
- Staff in-service dates

- Shorter breaks spread out over the calendar
- Minimizing missed staff and student days

The Calendar Committee recommended the following dates of significance based upon our review of stakeholder feedback and supporting information for the 2020-2021 School Calendar:

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| • August 27  | First Student Day                                  |
| • October 12 | No School – Native American Day                    |
| • January 14 | End of the First Semester                          |
| • January 18 | No School (Inservice) – Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| • May 25     | Last Student Day                                   |

**Costs:** N/A

**Committee Participation:** The calendar committee is comprised of 29 members that represent building administration, central administration, clerical, contract employees, custodians, custodial managers, educational assistants, human resources, informational technology services, Kids Inc., parents, school board members, SFEA, specialists, and teachers from each level.

**Summary:** The District Calendar Committee reviewed information submitted to the committee by the various groups represented on the committee and the survey feedback from our stakeholders. The Committee approved the following attached recommendation for the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar based on the Calendar Committee's work and recommendation as detailed in the attachment.

| SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT<br>GENERAL CALENDAR<br>2020-2021  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  | Committee Approved Calend |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|--------|---|--------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| JULY  | T-DAYS                       | S-DAYS | NOVEMBER  | T-DAYS | S-DAYS                     | MARCH   | T-DAYS                   | S-DAYS |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 2 3   |                              |        | 2 3 4 5 6   | 5      | 5                          | 1 2 3 4 5   | 5                        | 5      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 7 8 9 10  |                              |        | 9 10 11 12 13   | 5      | 4                          | 8 9 10 11 12  | 5                        | 5      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 14 15 16 17  |                              |        | 16 17 18 19 20  | 5      | 5                          | 15 16 17 18 19  | 5                        | 4      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 21 22 23 24  |                              |        | 23 24 25 26 27  | 5      | 2                          | 22 23 24 25 26  | 5                        | 5      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 28 29 30 31  |                              |        | 30  | 1      | 21                         | 17 29 30 31   | 3                        | 23     | 22               |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>   |                              |        | <b>DECEMBER</b>   |        |                            | <b>APRIL</b>  |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 4 5 6 7   | 0                            | 0      | 1 2 3 4   | 4      | 4                          | 1 2   | 2                        | 1      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 11 12 13 14  | 0                            | 0      | 7 8 9 10 11   | 5      | 5                          | 5 6 7 8 9   | 4                        | 4      |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>  |                              |        | <b>JANUARY</b>  |        |                            | <b>MAY</b>  |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>OCTOBER</b>  |                              |        | <b>FEBRUARY</b>   |        |                            | <b>JUNE</b>   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 2   | 2                            | 2      | 0   | 0      |                            | 1 2 3 4   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 26 27 28 29 30  | 5                            | 21     | 20 22 23 24 25 26   | 5      | 18                         | 5   | 18 28 29 30              |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If weather causes school closings, days will be made up at the end of the school year.  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>CALENDAR KEY</b>   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | HOLIDAYS                     |        | 7 - DAYS  |        | STUDENT DAYS               |   | 1ST QTR ENDS             |        | October 28, 2020 |                           | 42 - DAYS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | NO SCHOOL                    |        | 11 - DAYS   |        | 2ND QTR ENDS               |   | January 14, 2021         |        | 44 - DAYS        |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | INSERVICE - FULL DAY         |        | 2 - DAYS  |        | 3RD QTR ENDS               |   | March 24, 2021           |        | 44 - DAYS        |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | COMPENSATORY DAY-No Classes  |        | 2 - DAYS  |        | 4TH QTR ENDS               |   | May 25, 2021             |        | 42 - DAYS        |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | END OF QUARTER               |        | 2 - DAYS  |        | In-Service/Conference Time |   |                          |        | 2 - DAYS         |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | INSERVICE - PARTIAL          |        | 2 - DAYS  |        |                            |   | 174 - DAYS               |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | TEACHER WORK DAY             |        | 2 - DAYS  |        | TEACHER DAYS               |   | New Teacher Contract     |        | 191 - DAYS       |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | EARLY DISMISSAL - ELEMENTARY |        | 2 - DAYS  |        | Veteran Teacher Contract   |   | Veteran Teacher Contract |        | 189 - DAYS       |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>*New Teacher Induction Activities Begin TBD</b>  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Day/New Staff   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Day/Veteran Staff   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| District Planned Inservice  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staff Inservice   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Day for Students  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labor Day Break   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labor Day   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-school Day  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| District Planned Inservice  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Levels - No Classes   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fall Parent Teacher Conferences</b>  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Middle School   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High School   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building Planned Inservice  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EL - Early Dismissal  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MS - Late Start   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veteran's Day Observance  |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November 11, 2020   |                              |        |   |        |                            |   |                          |        |                  |                           |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>HS Parent Student Teacher Session (PST)</b>  |                              |        |   |        |                            | <b>MS Parent Student Teacher Session (PST)</b>  |                          |        |                  |                           |           | <b>ELEM Open House</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gr 9 - 12 - Evening - TBD   |                              |        |   |        |                            | Gr 6-8 - Afternoon & Evening - TBD  |                          |        |                  |                           |           | Gr K-5 - date TBD  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |                              |        |   |        |                            | <b>HS Semester Test Days</b>  |                          |        |                  |                           |           | <b>Graduation</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary - Early Dismissal<br>8:00 am to 1:00 pm  |                              |        |   |        |                            | 7:30 am to 12:30 pm<br>January 13-14, 2021<br>May 24-25, 2021<br>NTHS 8:00 am to 11:45 am |                          |        |                  |                           |           | NTHS - 11:00 am<br>WHS - 1:00 pm<br>LHS - 4:00 pm<br>RHS - 7:00 pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |